

public objection to Dayton, Ohio being known as the birthplace of aviation.

No one disputes the fact that Kittyhawk in North Carolina was the site of the first successful controlled power flight in history. However, Dayton, Ohio's claim to be the birthplace of aviation is based upon much more than just the first limited flight.

As a new historical work on the lives of the Wright brothers states, "The four short flights in North Carolina showed that their math was close enough; Heavier than air flight was possible. The practicality of the Wright Flyer was achieved in 1904 and 1905 in a little-known place of great consequence, Huffman Prairie, an 85-acre cow pasture 10 miles east of Dayton.

Huffman Prairie Flying Field, which is in the Seventh Congressional District, which just happens to be my district, is located on the grounds of Wright Patterson Air Force Base. The flying field, which is undergoing a restoration to its 1905 appearance, has recently been opened to the general public, complete with a new interpretive center so visitors can understand the importance of the early flight testing and aircraft development that occurred there.

Even the press at the time did not grasp the significance of what had occurred at Kitty Hawk. It took several years of additional flights, I might say at Huffman Prairie, before the public finally acknowledged that the Wright brothers had invented a workable aircraft. If the Wright Brothers had not continued their history-altering work in Ohio, it is quite possible that the North Carolina exploits would have been lost in history.

As I have said before, North Carolina can always claim the location of the first flight by the Wright brothers, but it is their hometown that saw the laborious construction and endless testing that was required to allow it to take to the sky and mature as a reliable form of transportation that we all now enjoy.

North Carolina has the sand dunes where the first flight occurred, but Dayton, Ohio has the Dayton Aviation Heritage National Historical Park, encompassing the Wright Cycle Shop, Huffman Prairie Flying Field, the John W. Berry, Sr. Wright Brothers Aviation Center, and the Paul Laurence Dunbar State Memorial.

Dayton also has the National Aviation Hall of Fame, Wright Patterson Air Force Base, the U.S. Air Force Museum, and the final resting place of the Wright brothers. It is based upon all of these important sites and the local life experiences of the Wright brothers that Dayton should be known as the "birthplace of aviation."

As an Ohioan, I am proud to reside in the same State as the two Wright brothers whose invention changed the world; and more importantly, the fact that they were also in Ohio's Seventh Congressional District, which I now represent.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Oregon (Mr. DEFAZIO) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. DEFAZIO addressed the House. His remarks will appear hereafter in the Extensions of Remarks.)

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WHERE IS THE BALANCED BUDGET AMENDMENT CALLED FOR IN 1974 BY THE SPEAKER OF THE HOUSE?

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Under a previous order of the House, the gentleman from Mississippi (Mr. TAYLOR) is recognized for 5 minutes.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, on March 17, 1994, then a Member of the House, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT) came to the floor and said, "Clearly, our Nation's monstrous \$4.3 trillion Federal deficit, until it is eliminated, interest payments will continue to eat away the important incentives which the government must fund. I will not stand by and watch Congress recklessly squander the future of our children and grandchildren."

Later in that same day he said, "In light of Congress' exhibited inability to control spending and vote for real fiscal responsibility, it is imperative that we have a balanced budget amendment to compel Congress to end its siege on our financial future." That was on March 17, 1994.

As most of us are aware, the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT) has been the Speaker now for about 1,613 days. In that 1,613 days, he who controls every single amendment that comes to this House floor, when we start, when we stop, every bill that comes to the floor, he who appoints the members of the Committee on Rules that decide which amendments are germane, those that can be offered, has not allowed a vote on a balanced budget amendment.

We would think there were a couple of things that would come to his mind, since in 1994 he spoke so strongly of the need for a balanced budget. I would like to ask Max, Trevor, Sarah, and Krystle-Joy to come to the floor.

See, in the time that the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT) has been Speaker, and they can stand in front of me, it is their big moment in the sun, in the 1,613 days the gentleman from Illinois (Mr. HASTERT) has been Speaker, we would think the gentleman who cares that much about the national debt would maybe let the debt go up by, say, \$914. But that is not the case.

Now I need Michael, Bryan, and Taylor to join us, because the Speaker has

had 1,613 days. I guess I can take 5 minutes.

Now, in the time that the Speaker has been for a balanced budget, he says, we would think the debt might grow by \$914,878. That is not the case.

I need Amanda, Mark, and Robin to join us.

PARLIAMENTARY INQUIRY

Mr. BUYER. Parliamentary inquiry, Mr. Speaker.

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. FEENEY). The gentleman will state it.

Mr. BUYER. Mr. Speaker, I would like to know whether or not this fits the proper decorum of the House and whether this is a proper utilization of a prop. My question is whether this meets the decorum of the House.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Mr. Speaker, that is not a parliamentary inquiry.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. A question has been raised about decorum under the rules of the House.

The Chair would rule that it maybe appropriate to use the exhibits that are presented, but it is inappropriate to refer to individual House pages by name. As long as otherwise that the exhibits are used in appropriate decorum and pages are not referenced by name, then the gentleman can proceed.

Mr. BUYER. Thank you, Mr. Speaker.

Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi. Again, Mr. Speaker, in that 1,613 days since the gentleman from Illinois (Speaker HASTERT) way back when told us he was for a balanced budget, we would think that the debt would have grown by only 914,878.72, with a couple of commas thrown in, but it is not the case.

I regret to do this, but I have been told by the Chair that I cannot call the pages by their first names, so I am going to have to ask page 11, 12, and 13 to come forward, under the Rules of the House.

Again, since the Speaker told us way back when how adamantly he was for a balanced budget, we would have thought that by now, and since I am losing track with a couple of commas in there, that he would have said, enough, it is time for a balanced budget amendment. Time to let Members at least vote on it. Now, 1,613 days later, it still has not happened.

Now I have to ask pages 14, 15, and 16, and I practiced saying your names, so I apologize. Now, if the camera can get all of this, we can let some Members have some idea, not of the national debt, but of how much the debt has grown in 2 years and 1 week since the passage of the Bush tax cuts and the Bush budget.

The first \$2 trillion spending bill passed by this Congress did not come from a Democratic President, it came from a Republican President. The tax cuts, they increased spending, decreased revenues, and this is the difference.

I think it is particularly appropriate that these fine young people from all parts of our country are holding the